

MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

WHAT HAPPENED AND HAPPENING.

Gen. W. H. Kennan of this city is to deliver the principal address at the Boone County Old Settlers' Reunion.

The Mexico Ice Co. has installed a new engine which will help increase the output of the plant to fifty tons of ice per day.

Miss Mary Quisenberry, formerly of Mexico, was married a few days ago at Malden, Mass., to Mr. Charles Brooks. They will reside in the South.

John Johnston has been elected superintendent of the Sunday school at Littleby Baptist church, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, Rev. N. S. Johnston.

Rev. Lewis Dorgan and wife of Danville, Ky., arrived in Mexico last week on a visit to relatives. Rev. Dorgan was raised in Audrain county. He is now pastor of the Baptist church at Danville.

Hon. C. F. Clark is completing some very substantial improvements on the Windsor Hotel property. The Hotel will be open for business about August 1st and Mr. Clark will call it the Clark-son Hotel.

We were mistaken last week—it was not Woodman Day at Martinsburg on the Fourth. Martinsburg Camp, No. 2556, Modern Woodmen of America, will hold their third annual picnic Thursday, August 15th. They invite everybody to Martinsburg on that day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baker who have been visiting Mr. Baker's mother, Mrs. H. P. Warden, at the latter's home, southeast of Mexico, are now visiting in Kentucky. They will reside in New York in the future. Mr. Baker is a newspaper artist of wide reputation.

Mayor E. D. Graham told the MESSAGE some time ago of a plan he had to help Hardin Park, if he could get the Wabash railroad to improve its grounds adjoining on the north. Last week Mr. Graham "got together" with the railroad officials, and now look out for a Wabash park to vie with the Alton park, just across the way.

The MESSAGE enjoyed a visit last Friday from Mr. M. W. Beamer and little son, Alvin, of near Molino. Mr. Beamer is enthusiastic for the new electric railway which is to pass thru this neighborhood. In the meantime he is putting in his best ticks at farming. Has a piece of bluegrass soil—25 acres—in corn which he thinks will yield 12 barrels to the acre.

The Forum says that it is told of a man who accompanied a crowd of girls to the Laddonia picnic the Fourth that he was asked 1000 questions, invited to treat the crowd to ice cream 7 times, had one proposal of marriage, received contents of a box of talcum powder, as a substitute for confetti, was hit on the back of the neck with a rotten orange, and was blamed for missing the train to come home.

23 CANDIDATES.

Want to Be Doctors in Missouri.

The State Board of Health closed its work in Mexico last week. Twenty-three candidates were examined to practice medicine, as follows:

Bertha Freitag, J. Gill, A. E. Walters, Carmine Gressi, St. Louis.

Buell F. Menefee, Wellsville. H. J. Clark, Richmond. W. Howard, Mt. View. Will Brodie, Pineville. H. E. Schriber, Speed. T. A. Boyd, Furnet.

Thos. Raymond, Portland, Ind. F. E. Burdett, Ava. E. Johnston, DuBois, Neb.

O. F. Bourge, Atlanta, Ga. O. S. Calvert, Revere. G. S. Walker, Chilhowee.

F. L. VonGerder, Coffeyville, Kas.

E. Shy, Knobnoster. R. A. Shiras, J. F. Koegler, Kansas City.

Two doctors were before the Board for trial on the charge of prescribing whisky where it was not needed. One of the two was from Columbia. The Civic League of that place withdrew its charges on the promise from said doctor that in the future he would be good.

Married Last Week.

Mr. Frank Kellerhals and Miss Nellie Cohoon, both of the vicinity of Benton City, came to Mexico last Wednesday, week, and were united in marriage by Rev. John Kerr of Montgomery City. A number of relatives of both parties witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Kellerhals are highly esteemed by a large circle of friends—it is a most worthy young couple—and all extend their congratulations and best wishes.

From Court to Court.

The "bucket shop" case against Wm. Buck and Grant Wyatt, who were arrested in Mexico about three weeks since on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, was called in Justice L. N. Bass' court last Thursday morning.

When the men were first arrested by a writ of habeas corpus an appeal was made to Judge Barnett to have their bond reduced from \$6,000. Judge Barnett put it \$4,000. Thursday when the case was called a change of venue was asked to Justice E. R. Dudley's court. Judge Dudley at once heard their case and placed their bond at \$6,000 each. Then it was that another court was appealed to—Judge W. W. Botts of the Probate Court, who reduced the sum to \$4,500 for each man.

The case was then taken before Circuit Clerk W. H. Morris who placed the bond at the same figure as named by Judge Botts. L. P. Crigler and Mr. Francis of St. Louis signed the bonds as security. The case, as we understand it, will now rest until the matter can be investigated by the grand jury.

James Quinlan has, perhaps, the finest herd of Chester White hogs in the county—100 head. He will exhibit his stock at the Audrain county fair. Like to see Jim get a ribbon on them, too.

Our young friend Frank Shelly, down on Littleby, wants to encourage the editor to remain young; at least in spirit, and last Saturday he brought us a fat young chicken to sacrifice on our birthday. Frank, here's our warmest thanks.

EX-CONFEDS.

Concerning Their Big Meeting At Auxvasse Next Month.

The following members of the Confederate Association of Callaway and adjoining counties, met in the Citizens Bank at Auxvasse the other day to perfect arrangements for holding their next annual reunion:

Capt. D. T. Riekman, James Swon, I. C. Beckley, S. S. McCue, B. T. Winn, W. J. Goolby, Dr. Toms Fry, Tom M. Ford, Frank Dyer, J. T. Holland, A. N. Kemp, G. W. Kemp, James Burt, J. J. Cottrill, R. S. McKinney, Capt. William Eller, C. L. Byrd, T. B. Gilbert and Dr. W. B. Ellis.

W. J. Goolby, Vice President of the association called the meeting to order and stated its object. R. S. McKinney was chosen secretary.

Motion made and carried that the chairman appoint a committee of three with power to appoint all other sub-committees. The following committee was then appointed: Jas. Burt, Dr. Toms Fry and Frank Kemp. The committee report:

Committee of Arrangement—Tom M. Ford, J. T. Holland and Jacob Larue. The committee thus appointed was unanimously approved by the meeting and were instructed to look after all business necessary to make the reunion a success.

The President then appointed the following committee:

ON SPYKERS—S. S. McCue, R. S. McKinney and W. H. Kennan. ON MUSIC—G. W. Kemp, Dr. Toms Fry and I. C. Beckley.

A motion was made and carried that a two days' reunion be held at the Auxvasse Club House, three miles south of Auxvasse, Callaway county, Missouri, on Thursday and Friday, August 15 and 16, 1907.

Motion to adjourn to meet at the call of the President was carried.

All old soldiers are expected to be present at Camp Jackson Wednesday afternoon as the association expects to go into camp that night.

Enormous Profit.

E. V. Layson, near Mexico, has 29 Western ewes and he sold 41 lambs from them the other day at \$5.60 per head—they averaged 93 pounds each. His profit in 12 months above cost of ewes was \$165; the yield of wool and lambs was \$288. The ewes are now worth more than when he bought them a year ago. Is this not an enormous profit? Money in sheep? We should say so.

Mrs. W. H. Hook of Mexico attended the funeral of Mrs. Hiram Easlen in Wellsville last week. Mrs. Easlen died very suddenly. She was 70 years of age.

Sheriff Price Johnson is in St. Louis where he was operated on for a slight ailment a few days ago. Hope to see him in his usual good health again soon.

R. S. Harris of this city, a traveling salesman, attended the druggists' meeting in Moberly recently and then disappeared for several days; his whereabouts unknown. Last Friday he was found wandering along one of our streets beside himself, not being able to give an account of his absence. It is supposed that he had been overcome by the heat. He was taken to his home where he has since been a great sufferer.

MARK TWAIN.

A Missourian Who Has Brought Much Happiness Into the World.

Liverpool, July 10.—The hospitality to Mark Twain proved fitting for the man and the man equaled the occasion. It was the valedictory of America's successful ambassador without a portfolio to England, and while on previous occasions Mark justified his reputation for wit and humor, to-night it is no exaggeration to say he rose to greater heights of eloquence and spontaneous wit and humor than at any time since he reached England's shores.

His speech was a triumph of art mingled with humor, pathos and aptness of reference so deftly that the two hundred odd guests who joined the lord mayor in honoring him were carried off their feet. The preparations for Mark's visit were on a royal scale.

The banquet to-night was one of the largest civic affairs ever held in Liverpool. The lord mayor, toasting the king and President Roosevelt, said that the privilege of honoring a man who had brought so much happiness into the world marked a red-letter day in the annals of the city.

Remembered in Audrain.

The following from the Elsberry Democrat is concerning a preacher well remembered in this county:

Eld. Claud E. Hill and wife, of Mobile, Ala., stopped off here Wednesday morning and remained until yesterday visiting the latter's sisters, Mesdames F. L. Dawson and J. L. Vaughn. Eld. Hill departed yesterday for Kansas City, and from there he goes to the state of Washington in the interest of the Christian Endeavor Society of which he is a national evangelist. He has been pastor of the First Christian church of Mobile for four years. While in Elsberry he officiated at the Sanders-Dawson wedding.

Dr. A. W. Corner.

The Anaconda (Mont.) Standard in referring to the death of Dr. A. W. Corner at that place recently, who was a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Corner of Laddonia, this county, said:

Dr. A. W. Corner, one of best known physicians in the city of Butte, died shortly after 11 o'clock last night in his apartments on the fourth floor of the Owsley block, of blood poisoning. The doctor had been ill only a few days, critically so since Thursday afternoon. Ten days ago he was called to attend a case of septicemia, and from either a scratch or crack in one of his thumbs he was infected with the poison. He did not notice the injury at the time and in his hurry in attending another patient probably forgot all about it. A day or two later symptoms of blood poisoning developed and he treated the wound apparently successfully. Later, it became troublesome, and Thursday afternoon his condition suddenly became critical. Drs. Horst and Schapps were early called in the case, and all yesterday and last evening were ably assisted by a number of other physicians of this city. All of these efforts were futile, however.

Dr. Corner had been practicing in Butte for about six years, and was recognized as one of the most successful physicians of the city. One of his fellows said of him last night, just a little before the end came:

"I have practiced with Dr. Corner ever since he has been in the state. I have been on many cases

with him in consultation, and I found him always showing the spirit to give the man who was with him the better of the deal. I have known him times without number to be called from his office when interests of humanity demanded, and I have never known him to stop and ask the question whether the patient was rich or poor. He never refused to go where he was needed and the medical profession will sustain an irreparable loss in his death. We can ill afford to lose him."

Dr. Corner was born in Missouri. He secured his degree in the medical department of Washington university, St. Louis, and after experience in the hospitals and in private work in St. Louis he came to Montana and took up his practice. During his residence here he was successful and frequently took post graduate work in the leading colleges of the country.

Dr. Corner was married during his residence in Montana, his bride being Miss Belle Cory, of Helena, the only daughter of David A. Cory. No children were born to them. Their home life has been of the happiest.

The doctor was a member of the state medical society and the Silver Bow medical society. He was also a member of the Fraternal Brotherhood, being an examining physician for one of the Butte lodges. He had a wide circle of friends among the laymen as well as the medical profession and there is genuine grief over the death of a man who was loved by hundreds of people in Butte for the good work he has accomplished during the years he has resided in this city.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

B. C. Torbett Writes the Message Some Interesting Words.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 8.—Dear Friend Beal: Enclosed find check for one dollar to renew for the MESSAGE: I want to hear from Rush Hill oftener, my old home. Tell your correspondent there to get busy. We want to hear from him every week.

We have been in California 20 months and like it very much. We are living in the 9th ward in a lovely place called Boyle Heights with 6 churches and no saloons or pool rooms. We are about 300 feet above the city with a lovely view of the mountains. We can see "Old Baldy" from our back porch, and in winter when the mountains are wrapped in a mantle of snow we can go out and gather great bouquets of roses, geraniums and poinsettias.

I have met several old friends out here, among whom were R. B. Tureman of Kansas City, Lester Farrah and Mr. Carter of Mexico, Judge M. L. Paffery and family of Laddonia, Silas Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ridgeway and George Edwards formerly of Rush Hill, also Emil Reudy of Rush Hill but now of Oakland, also Wilbur Woodward, and I see by your paper Judge Kendall is coming in the fall. I should be very glad to see him if he comes down this way. I see by your MESSAGE from time to time so many of my old friends are dead. I hardly get a copy but what some one that I once knew has passed over the river to try the realities of the life beyond. May the loving and all-wise God help us all to be ready in the prayer of one who loves Him.

Lovingly,

B. C. TORBETT.

Attorney E. A. Shannon and wife enjoyed a visit to their old home near Mt. Carmel last week.

JUDGE WILFLEY.

A Former Audrain Boy Gives a Lesson in Law Enforcement.

Washington, July 11.—Shanghai has been purged of the social evil by Judge Wilfley of the District Court of China. Judge Wilfley was formerly of St. Louis. He has dealt ruthlessly with the disreputable Americans in that city. He has placed all the gamblers in jail, driven evil women from the city and disbarred from practice several unsavory lawyers.

Virtually all the gamblers and evil women in Shanghai claimed to be Americans, with the result that Americans were looked upon as the worst element in the Orient. The strict enforcement of the law by Judge Wilfley has removed this impression. He was strongly opposed in his conduct, both at home and abroad, and many complaints against him were made to the State Department.

A confidential report relating to the cleaning up of Shanghai has been received at the State Department, but it will not be made public. From an unofficial source many of the facts have been obtained. They show there were but eight American lawyers practicing in Shanghai before the new court was established.

Their reputations were such that Judge Wilfley decided to make it impossible for them to continue to practice. He required them to pass a legal examination to determine their knowledge of the law; and only two of the eight passed; the remaining six were disbarred. These men were not rejected so much on account of their lack of knowledge of the law as because of their lack of integrity and morality and their questionable practices before the consular courts.

FISKE SKIPS.

All Round Good Fellow Betrays His Friends.

James H. Fiske, fake, bluff and "sassy" duck, who set himself up at the head of the Fiske Commercial Agency in this city, has skipped and left his confidants holding the sack.

The young man Fiske came here the first of the year and rented rooms in the Lane Building, fitted them up in the finest style and then put out the following advertisement:

"The Fiske Commercial Company, Adjusters of Slow and Delinquent Accounts, 200 S. Jefferson St., Mexico, Mo."

Some will be wondering now if Fiske's own accounts are not a little slow and delinquent.

The MESSAGE knows what his advertisement was for we printed it and never were able to collect the bill.

But he never would have gotten us again, he was too smart and alecky.

His chief employee was Jacob Holmes, who is here trying to see if he is any better off than others of Fiske's confidants.

Fiske operated here and at Fulton, getting away with about \$600 in all from different parties in Fulton, it is said. It is said that he went away from Mexico sporting a \$200 diamond ring procured from one of our business firms for which he failed to settle, and other business firms were held up for different sums ranging from a few dollars up to the hundred dollar mark.

The "expert collector" may come back to see his friends but we doubt it.

Mexico Savings Bank

Capital and Surplus, \$150,000.00

W. W. Fry, Pres.
W. J. Botts, V. Pres.
S. M. Locke, Cashier.
Geo. Sharp and Wallace Ryans, Associates.